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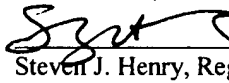
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 6 as shown:

A¹ As an example, the "current" P/E table 24 indicates that XX's current P/E is 22.1 and its P/E ratio for the previous 52 weeks has ranged between a high of 44.7 and low of 16.8. When the user clicks the button 30, a text window appears, as at 32 in Fig. 4. The text in window 32 first reports the analysis at 34A, that the current P/E is in the upper, middle or lower end of its range for the last 52 weeks. In this instance, the P/E for XX stock is currently in the upper end of that range. Next, a sentence or two is provided (at 34B) to explain the significance of that analysis. In the example, the sentence warns that the P/E may be fully valued, meaning that, as a consequence, the stock price might be expected to be stagnant or to fall.